

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DR. GEORGE A.  
SIMPSON

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th district of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize Dr. George A. Simpson, as he is honored by family and friends for his many contributions to Miami-Dade County and America.

Whereas, George Augustus Simpson was born on September 24, 1925, in New York, New York. He is a product of New York Public Schools having attended Townsend Harris High School. Dr. Simpson went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from City College of New York and a medical degree from Meharry Medical College; and

Whereas, Dr. Simpson served his country in the U.S. Army through Surgical Service. He is licensed to practice medicine in Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Illinois. Dr. Simpson is the First Board Certified, Black general surgeon in the State of Florida. He went on to be an Instructor in Surgery at University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital where he was the first African American to perform major general surgery and to be on the teaching staff in General Surgery. He is a founding member of the Jackson Memorial's Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the first physician's union in Dade County. Dr. Simpson was a professor of Family Medicine from 1968 to 2000; and

Whereas, Dr. Simpson was very actively involved in his community through the Family Christian Association of America, the Coconut Grove Local Development Corporation, the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, the New Horizons Local Development Corporation, the Alliance for Ethical Government, the Dade County Area Health Education Center, and many more community development corporations. He is an original Member of the Dade County Community Relations Board; and

Whereas, Dr. George Simpson's involvement in the community also included his work with community development as an owner, developer, Board Chairman, Board Member, and manager. This work resulted in the construction of over 250 affordable housing and homeless living units throughout Miami-Dade County; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, honor Dr. George Simpson for all his contributions to the medical field, Miami-Dade County, and our country.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF  
BARRIO CAFÉ

**HON. RUBEN GALLEG0**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Barrio Café. Since 2002, Barrio Café has been a Phoenix institution, serving up world-renowned Mexican food and promoting Mexican American arts and culture.

Barrio Café was founded by Chef Silvana Salcido Esparza and her business partner, Wendy Gruber. Chef Silvana grew up in the Central Valley of California, learning to cook at her grandmother's side and in her family's bakery. Since opening Barrio Café, she has been featured in Sunset Magazine, Esquire Magazine, and Food Network's Diners, Drive Ins and Dives, and she has been a finalist for the James Beard Award. Now, she is mentoring the next generation of chefs and small business owners.

Chef Silvana is also a community leader in her own right. She has tirelessly advocated for the rights of all in Arizona and has worked to feed those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her leadership and vision have transformed a stretch of 16th Street into 'Calle 16,' a hub for local economic development, flourishing with Mexican art, murals, culture, and food.

For 20 years, Chef Silvana and the Barrio Café have embodied 'comida chingona'. I am lucky to get to call Chef Silvana and Wendy friends, and I wish them all the best on 20 more years of Barrio Café.

CELEBRATING COLFAX'S 150TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Colfax, Washington. This small town in Eastern Washington is known for its productive farmland and family-oriented atmosphere. Colfax is also the county seat of Whitman County—the largest wheat producing county in America—and is a hub for wheat growers that feeds our region and people all around the world.

The history of Colfax is a rich one with roots dating back to the late 1800s. First settled by James Perkins and Thomas Smith, the town was founded on July 10, 1870 and named after Schuyler Colfax, the 17th Vice President of the United States and 25th Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Today, the town continues to thrive amidst the beautiful rolling hills and fertile countryside of the Palouse. Complete with a healthy quan-

tity of history, opportunities, great education, family values, exciting culture, and so much more, it is without a doubt that wonderful things continue to grow in Colfax.

As the representative in Congress for this one-of-a-kind town, I am so inspired by Colfax's heritage of family values. The families here understand the value of a hard day's work on the farm and the invaluable life skills and lessons that come with it. Parents give everything to prepare their children to pursue the American Dream, whether that is one day taking over the family business or graduating college and starting a new career. The people of Colfax truly embody what it means to be from Eastern Washington, and they make it one of the best places to live in the world.

Madam Speaker, on this most special day, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Colfax's 150 years of remarkable history and celebrating their personification of the American spirit.

HONORING WAR HERO AND  
TRAILBLAZER LUIS R. SIERRA

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Luis Sierra. Mr. Sierra bravely defended our country during the Vietnam War and earned a Bronze Star Medal, the fourth highest military decoration for valor.

Born on December 2, 1949, Luis Sierra grew up in Cidra, Puerto Rico. Eventually moving with his family to the city of Ponce, Mr. Sierra was raised in a Roman Catholic household and was an avid player of baseball and basketball as an adolescent. After graduating high school in 1967, Mr. Sierra spent the next two years working as a Linotype operator.

Mr. Sierra left his job and enlisted in the Army on August 29, 1969. He spent the first few months of his service in Fort Jackson, South Carolina until he was called to join the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry in the Republic of Vietnam. Arriving on March 18, 1970, his unit participated in numerous battles which resulted in 22 members of the unit, including Specialist Sierra, being awarded a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service against a hostile enemy.

Along with the Bronze Star Medal, Mr. Sierra received multiple other awards for his service including the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze service stars, the National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with the 1960 Device, the Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar, and the Vietnam Veteran Lapel pin.

Mr. Sierra was honorably discharged from active duty on April 2, 1971 and he remained in the Reserves until his service ended on July 23, 1975.

Upon his return home, Mr. Sierra married Silvia M. González with whom he had 3 children: Raúl J. Sierra, Silvette Sierra, and

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Esmeralda Sierra. While Raúl sadly passed away in 2021, Silvette is employed as a Spanish Speaking Employment Counselor at the Erie County Department of Social Services, and Esmeralda is the current president of the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc.

Following his service in the Army, in 1988, Mr. Sierra earned his Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from La Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico as a part of the GI Bill. He then completed his Juris Doctor and began working in Ponce, Puerto Rico as an Administrative Judge for the Department of Consumer Affairs. Mr. Sierra also opened a private law practice in Puerto Rico, and worked there until moving to Buffalo. In Buffalo, Mr. Sierra worked for the New York State Division of Human Rights as a Human Rights Specialist until his retirement.

Luis Sierra was one of more than 80,000 Hispanic Americans to serve during the Vietnam War who, despite facing racial discrimination, bravely defended our country. We thank Mr. Sierra for his contributions to the war effort and his exemplary behavior while enlisted in the military.

Today, we join the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York to celebrate the achievements of Mr. Luis Sierra. Madam Speaker, we stand together today alongside Mr. Sierra, his family, and other Hispanic-American service members for whom we are eternally grateful.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 302, I mistakenly voted yes when I intended to vote no.

#### TRIBUTE TO A GREAT AMERICAN

#### HON. CHRIS STEWART

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. STEWART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, Mr. Ed Mahen who died this past fall. Edward C. Mahen, Jr., was a dedicated civil servant, an Air Force combat veteran and an extraordinary engineer. Ed worked for the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) for more than 23 years. Prior to his work for the NRO, he honorably served for 27 years as an active duty officer for the United States Air Force, including as a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Ed was always excited about his work. He was fascinated by science his entire life, and he served as a trailblazer throughout his career. He was a leader, a driving force behind innovation, and a model of procurement excellence. Recognized for his contributions, he received a number of awards over his career, including that of Pioneer of National Reconnaissance. His work profoundly influenced the NRO's capabilities, and he has left an indelible mark across the Intelligence Community (IC).

Born in rural Missouri, Ed was raised by his mother and father who were born during the

Great Depression. His upbringing was greatly influenced by his parents' experience, as he was taught the importance of frugality, hard work, self-reliance and family loyalty.

Once Ed entered high school, he was exposed to his first experience with formal education. He grew up in the post-World War II period with its proliferation of science and technology, including rockets and nuclear weapons. While still living at home, Ed built a high-frequency radio telescope to listen to the radio emissions of the planet Jupiter as it would rise at night. In high school, he excelled in science and math. After graduation, Ed worked his way through the University of Missouri and graduated with a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's degree in electrical engineering.

In 1969, Ed Mahen was drafted for the Vietnam War and joined the United States Air Force. His formal education was over, but Ed was a firm believer in life-long learning. He stated, "Education is a continuum. It doesn't stop when you get a degree, and you have to continue to learn. So I never stopped going to school; I just stopped going to formal school . . . If I want to learn cryptography, I go off and study cryptography for a while. And I could figure it out. I could learn about it and apply it . . . So you just never stop learning."

From May 1972 to May 1973, Ed Mahen took an assignment on an AC-130 gunship in Vietnam. As was the case for many young Americans, this was a time of harrowing conflict and quick growth as he matured in a combat zone. In 1972 alone, the squadron lost one-fourth of its airplanes. Ed reflected, "It was the first time anybody really tried to kill me. We tried to die a lot of times." In that year, Ed earned two distinguished flying crosses and eleven air medals, and he flew 144 combat missions. At the end of his tour, Ed returned to the United States and served in various assignments in the Air Force, including overseeing all of the classified strategic and electronic warfare programs. He also served as a technical director for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

In 1996, Ed Mahen went to work for the Secretary of Defense to help resolve the situation in the Balkans, serving as the Director of the Bosnian Command and Control Initiative. He helped establish a peace-keeping mission with no loss of life and kept the price tag within budget.

Upon his return to the United States, as a Colonel in July 1997, the logical next step was promotion to Brigadier General. However, this would entail an assignment away from his family across the country. His upbringing and lessons from his parents meant putting family first. So he retired from a highly successful career in the Air Force.

In 1998, as a civilian, Ed Mahen was recruited by the Director of the NRO to join the agency, where he served as the Chief Technology Officer for the Advanced Systems and Technology Directorate. In the years that followed, he was recognized repeatedly for his many contributions in the field of national reconnaissance. His work defeated current and emerging threats from terrorism and nuclear weapons proliferation—he became a standard of success at the NRO.

In 2009, Ed was nominated for the NRO Director's Award for Excellence in Acquisition. This time he was recognized for developing

capabilities that "have yielded actionable intelligence and made significant contributions to IC missions." Further, "his mission-focused, technically driven, and results-oriented leadership has and will continue to deliver revolutionary new capabilities to help counter the most critical threats to our Nation's security." As well as his technical accomplishments, he served as a role model and mentor for his team.

In January 2020, Ed Mahen was named a Pioneer of National Reconnaissance, the highest award offered by the NRO. The Director of the NRO, Dr. Chris Scolese noted, "Mr. Mahen's work enabled intelligence analysts to understand adversary capabilities and intent and helped our warfighters locate and track adversaries."

Ed Mahen was a remarkable leader, applying the lessons learned over a lifetime of experience and focusing that knowledge on practical, technical problem solving for national security challenges. He developed a unique ability to hire junior people and groom them into subject matter experts. He explained, "The key to program management, the first thing you do is put yourself out of business. So the first thing you do is hire the people who are going to replace you. So this program pretty much runs itself . . . it's sort of the biblical story of teaching people to fish. Teach people to be self-sufficient."

Ed was a storyteller, and he maintained a sense of humor. He illustrated his work at the NRO by telling the story of "Stone Soup," concluding, "A lot of these programs are finding the pieces to stitch together so that you can do things very quickly." Most importantly, he never lost his enthusiasm and wonder for the accomplishments of the NRO. He once reflected, "I think the NRO is a magic place. And I think with visionary leadership, the NRO could do anything."

After nearly 50 years of service to the country, and still an active innovator, Ed Mahen passed away on September 29, 2021. Madam Speaker, our Nation has been blessed and prospered with greater national security by the lifetime of service of Ed Mahen. May he rest in peace and may his wife and family be comforted knowing their husband and father was a true patriot—one who endlessly loved them and his country.

#### HONORING COLONEL RICK ZAMPELLI

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Colonel Rick Zampelli for his exemplary dedication to duty and service as the Division Chief of the Army House Liaison Division. Rick is transitioning from his current assignment to military retirement.

Colonel Zampelli was born in Akron, Ohio in 1972 and commissioned from the U.S. Military Academy as an Aviation Officer in 1994. Throughout his career, he has served in several command and staff assignments, including multiple operational deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Throughout his career, Rick has served in a variety of significant staff assignments to include Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Aviation and

Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; Director, Force 2025, Army Capabilities Integration Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia; J3 Air Operations Officer, Headquarters, U.S. Special Operations Command, Tampa, Florida; Battalion Operations Officer, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and Brigade Personnel Officer, 82d Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

His military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and U.S. Naval War College. Rick holds a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy.

Rick's significant awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Air Medal with V Device. He is a Master Army Aviator and has completed Airborne School; Air Assault School; OH-58 Instructor Pilot Course; Jumpmaster School; and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape-C course.

The foundation of Rick's success is his family. His wife, Jayne, and his son, Tristan, are the light of his life. I thank Jayne and Tristan for their sacrifices made in Rick supporting our country.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to highlight the life and service of a true American and Ohioan. Our country has benefited from his extraordinary leadership, judgment, and passion for the Army profession and for the State of Ohio. It is with great appreciation that I recognize and commend the life and service of Colonel Rick Zampelli.

#### TRIBUTE TO VIETNAM WAR VETERAN ARTURO LARA

### HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of United States Air Force Veteran Arturo Lara, who passed away on May 8, 2020. Mr. Lara hailed from my hometown of San Antonio, Texas and is survived by his wife of 58 years, Consuelo R. Lara, eldest son Arturo R. Lara, Jr., daughter Elizabeth R. Lara, and youngest son Louis R. Lara. Although I am saddened to learn of his passing, I am confident his memory will live on through his many loved ones.

Arturo Lara was born in San Antonio, Texas on July 16, 1943, to Simon and Alfonsa Vargas Lara. At a young age, Mr. Lara knew he wanted to be a family man and to serve his country. With permission from his grandfather, Simon Lara, he enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 16. Mr. Lara courageously served our country for 24 years, taking on different duty assignments across the globe. Mr. Lara notably served on high-risk missions as an Air Commando under Special Forces. During the Vietnam conflict, Mr. Lara was captured by enemy forces for 90 days to later escape shortly after his 18th birthday. Upon retiring from the Air Force, Mr. Lara went on to civil service and worked at Kelly Air

Force Base in San Antonio and Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. After 51 years of combined military and civil service, Mr. Lara retired in 2011.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the life and service of a person who dedicated themselves to family and country. The sacrifice and commitment our service members undertake is immeasurable and should never be taken for granted. We thank Mr. Lara for his many years of service and commitment to our great country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 302 on passage of H.R. 5271, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE FOOD SAFETY ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 2022

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of the Food Safety Administration Act, which I am introducing—along with Senator DICK DURBIN—today.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates about 80 percent of our food supply—and consumers and industry depend on the FDA food program to perform its regulatory role. Every year, nearly 48 million people get sick from one of the 31 pathogens known to cause foodborne illness. This results in 128,000 Americans being hospitalized each year—and 3,000 Americans dying of foodborne diseases. This is common, costly—and preventable.

It is becoming increasingly clear that public confidence in the ability of the FDA to protect our food supply is diminishing. Between inadequate responses to recalls, a failure to implement a culture of outbreak prevention, and proposed rules and initiatives that languish for years, the food program has struggled in its role to protect consumers.

The recent infant formula crisis, exacerbated by substandard safety practices at the Abbott Nutrition facility in Sturgis, Michigan, cannot be allowed to happen again. Parents and caregivers should never have to desperately scramble to find infant formula and wonder how they will feed their children. And when or if they finally find formula, they face an impossible choice as they wonder whether it is safe for consumption. We should not have to choose between safety and supply when it comes to feeding our babies. I reject this false and dangerous dichotomy. This was a colossal failure of Abbott Nutrition and the FDA, which dragged its feet to investigate a whistleblower report that unveiled damning allegations of wrongdoing and neglect of Abbott.

Food safety is currently a second-class citizen at the FDA. It is clear that food safety is

not prioritized at the FDA, which has the authority to appoint an empowered Deputy Commissioner of Foods with a relevant background in food safety—but has yet to do so. The lack of a single, full-time expert leader affects all aspects of FDA's food program. And perhaps the most significant impact is the delayed implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act and the New Era of Smarter Food Safety blueprint. These key initiatives depend on all FDA food program units, like the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Center for Veterinary Medicine, and the Office of Regulatory Affairs—working together with state partners and with a common strategic direction, clear priorities, adequate resource management, and internal accountability.

That is why I am introducing the Food Safety Administration Act that would establish the Food Safety Administration under the Department of Health and Human Services by incorporating these existing food programs within FDA into this separate agency. This agency would be led by a food safety expert confirmed by the Senate.

This bicameral legislation will bring focused leadership and more accountability, a unified structure and a full-time senior leader who will strengthen oversight of the food supply and enhance the industry's ability to operate effectively.

#### RECOGNIZING CECELIA "CECE" KING

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Cecelia "Cece" King, on the occasion of her appointment as a John Robert Lewis (JRL) Scholar by The Faith & Politics Institute (FPI) in recognition of her civic engagement and desire to create effective social change.

Ms. King was born in New York, New York and attended Riverdale Country School. During her time in high school, Ms. King was appointed as a voting member on Manhattan Community Board 8. She sat on the Land Use, Small Business, and Youth, Education, and Libraries Committees, and was a constant advocate for her community. During her junior year, Ms. King spent a semester at the School for Ethics and Global Leadership in Washington, D.C.

Ms. King now studies Arabic and Geography as a student at Dartmouth College, where she continues her dedication to social equity. Ms. King has been an active member of the Coalition for Immigration Reform and Equality at Dartmouth and the Sexual Violence Prevention Project. As a major in Geography, Ms. King has studied global movements and displacements, and together with her fellow students, some of whom were refugees themselves, formed the Dartmouth Displaced Students and Scholars Initiative, which aims to support displaced students on campus.

Outside of her education, Ms. King continues her service. She has worked as an interpreter for asylum seekers through legal clinics in New York and Texas, created a documentary film about the challenges COVID-19 posed to artists, and is a founding-member of

Curious Cardinals, an e-learning startup that develops personalized learning models for students.

The FPI has recognized Ms. King's dedication by selecting her as one of their 2022 JRL Scholars. Each year, the FPI selects 20 civic-minded student leaders through a competitive application process. The JRL Scholars & Fellows Program is designed for undergraduate scholars and graduate student fellows to examine Lewis's nonviolent philosophy from a historical perspective; define its principles and strategies; and identify their applicability to modern times and movements, current issues, and everyday life. The JRL Scholars & Fellows will become a nationwide network of emerging leaders who will be inspired to create positive societal change from the revolutionary nonviolent perspective that was employed with success in the Civil Rights Movement.

As a JRL scholar, Ms. King will focus her scholarship project on issues surrounding immigration. Inspired by her grandmother's immigration story as a daughter of Holocaust survivors, Ms. King is driven to share stories of displacement and advocate for immigrant and refugee support and solidarity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Cecelia King. Her dedication and leadership have served not only her community but have guided her to be an effective social change-maker. Ms. King carries these esteemed values as she joins the next generation of leaders of our Nation.

HONORING DR. GLENDA BASKIN  
GLOVER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover.

Dr. Glover is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. As the daughter of a civil rights activist and from a family immersed in the Movement, she determined early that education and equal justice were important for all people of color. She began her educational development as a student at Tennessee State University, where she majored in mathematics. After graduating with honors with a Bachelor of Science degree, she earned the Master of Business Administration at Clark Atlanta University in 1976. She completed her doctorate in business from George Washington University in 1990 and completed her law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1994. She is a certified public accountant, a licensed attorney, and one of a handful of African American women to hold the Ph.D.-CPA-J.D. combination in the United States.

Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover returned to her alma mater to serve as President of Tennessee State University on January 2, 2013. She is the institution's eighth and first female president. She has advanced a five-point vision that includes: academic progress and customer service, fund raising and partnerships, diversity and inclusion, shared governance, and business outreach. Under President Glover's leadership, the University's academic offerings have increased to 45 bachelor's de-

grees, 24 master's degrees and seven doctorate degrees.

I salute this effort to close opportunity and access gaps for historically underrepresented students in colleges and universities. TSU is continuing to show that institutions can be hubs for providing pathways to access post-secondary educational instruction, connect students with emerging economic opportunities, and inspire them to fulfill their promise and potential.

In addition to her academic success, Dr. Glover is the International President and CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college women. Dr. Glover leads the prestigious 114-year-old organization of nearly 300,000 members and 1026 chapters located all over the world.

I am thankful to President Dr. Glenda Glover and the entire university team for providing students with the opportunity of a lifetime to pursue a higher education and run toward their dreams at Tennessee State University.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF  
EQUALITY ARIZONA

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Equality Arizona on its 30th anniversary. For three decades, Equality Arizona has been fighting for the rights of LGBTQ+ Arizonans to fully participate in social, economic, and civic life. They have done this by building a diverse community of support and engaging with all levels of government.

In response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, Equality Arizona started in 1992 to support those living with HIV and AIDS and to repeal discriminatory laws that criminalized LGBTQ+ lives. Since then, they have continued that work in the campaigns to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and pass marriage equality. Just in the past year, Equality Arizona has helped pass non-discrimination ordinances in Glendale and Tolleson, both of which are in my district, and in Mesa and Scottsdale. I cannot wait to see the great work they will do over the next 30 years.

I would like to congratulate Equality Arizona on their 30th anniversary and thank them for their tireless efforts to support the LGBTQ+ community in Arizona and across the country.

HONORING DR. TONY Q. CHAN

HON. MELANIE A. STANSBURY

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Ms. STANSBURY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Tony Q. Chan's incredible contributions to our beloved New Mexico community. This Saturday, July 17th, Dr. Chan and his family will celebrate his 90th birthday. Over the more than 60 years that he has called New Mexico his home, Dr. Chan spent 40 of those years operating his optometry practice with an unmatched commitment to his patients and our community.

Dr. Chan was born in Massachusetts and grew up in Mississippi, where he met his beautiful wife, Carolyn. After attending the Illinois College of Optometry, where he earned his BS and Doctor of Optometry, he headed out west. Dr. Chan first moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1959 when he broke barriers to become our state's first Asian American optometrist.

Dr. Chan did not stop there. In addition to opening his first practice, he eventually became President of the Heights Lion's Club, the Executive Association of Greater Albuquerque, and the New Mexico Optometric Association. He was also the first Asian American Trustee for the American Optometric Association. During his time at the American Optometrist Association, he served on the Minority Recruitment Committee, where he helped recruit women and minorities to become optometrists.

Throughout his life, Dr. Chan received a variety of accolades from organizations across the United States, including the Spirit of America Award from the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, the Alumnus of the Year award from the Illinois College of Optometry, and he was inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame in 2020.

Happy Birthday to Dr. Chan. I thank him for his lifelong service caring for the health and well-being of the people of New Mexico. His love of community shines through everything he does, and I am honored to serve Dr. Chan in Congress and celebrate 90 years of his achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, due to a personal matter, I missed votes on July 12, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 300, and YEA on Roll Call No. 301.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF PETE  
KADENS AND HIS CHARITY  
PROJECT, HOPE CHICAGO

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor Pete Kadens, an entrepreneur and dedicated philanthropist in Chicago, and the work of his charity project, Hope Chicago. Mr. Kadens' remarkable commitment to transforming lives and communities is worthy of our highest praise.

During his nearly two-decade-long career as an entrepreneur, Pete Kadens employed more than 5,000 people. Following several business successes, including starting SoCore Energy, one of the largest commercial solar companies in the U.S., Pete retired in September 2018, choosing to dedicate himself fully to giving back to all those in need. He currently serves as Chairman of the Kadens Family Foundation, a charitable organization that seeks to address wealth and education inequality.

Among Mr. Kadens' many efforts to give back, Hope Chicago is one project that stands out as a testament to the values of leadership, philanthropy, and selflessness that make America so great. Founded by Pete Kadens and businessman Ted Koenig, the Hope Chicago project aims to raise at least \$1 billion over the next decade to fund post-secondary scholarships and non-tuition costs for graduates of Chicago Public Schools and their adult family members who are eager to return to school and update their own skills.

At a time when we are all fighting to create a more equitable economy and expand pathways into the middle class, removing barriers to educational attainment is critical. This is especially true in light of our nation's student loan crisis, which has saddled far too many Americans with crippling debt and made the prospect of post-secondary education even more out of reach for many low-income, first-generation students. It is estimated that 9 in 10 low-income, first-generation students drop out of higher education without a degree, and in my home state of Illinois, 61 percent of college grads who do earn a degree leave with debt. College is supposed to be a great equalizer in our country. Instead, these statistics provide a picture of higher education that exacerbates inequality between the haves and have-nots across America.

While we face significant challenges in overcoming this issue, leaders like Pete Kadens have committed to doing the hard work needed to create more opportunities for disadvantaged youth to obtain an advanced education. With the support and investment of partner schools and colleges, nonprofits, and corporate and philanthropic donors, Hope Chicago is fostering multigenerational change by working to enable approximately 30,000 individuals in the City of Chicago to go to college or trade school during the next decade. Just this year, Pete announced that Hope Chicago would cover full tuition costs for students at five high schools across Chicago. There is a long way to go, but the spirit of service that inspires this project is already transforming countless lives.

We could all benefit by dedicating our own time and resources to the cause of expanding opportunity for those in need and following the example set by Pete Kadens and Hope Chicago to create an America that prioritizes equitable access to education for all its children. After all, our future depends on it.

#### HONORING NOBEL LAUREATE ARDEM PATAPOUTIAN

#### HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor today to recognize Dr. Ardem Patapoutian, a constituent, a neuroscientist, and a Nobel Laureate, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2021.

Dr. Ardem Patapoutian was born in Lebanon in 1967 to Armenian parents. The youngest of three children, Ardem lived in Beirut until 1986 when he emigrated to Los Angeles,

California, to escape the Lebanese Civil War.

Upon arriving to the United States, Dr. Patapoutian worked as an editor for the English section of an Armenian newspaper and a pizza delivery driver before being accepted into the cell and developmental biology program at the University of California, Los Angeles, an admission that changed the course of his professional life.

Falling in love with research, he would go on to obtain a Ph.D. in Biology from the California Institute of Technology in 1996, and a postdoctoral appointment at the University of California, San Francisco. In 2000, he began the work at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, that awarded him the Nobel Prize 21 years later.

Before being honored with the Nobel Prize, Dr. Patapoutian achieved a distinguished career as a scientist and professor. He was a co-recipient of, among many other awards, the 2020 Kavli Prize in Neuroscience. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a fellow at the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has maintained a full professorship at Scripps Research since 2008 and is an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Dr. Patapoutian's work focuses on mechanosensation, the process by which mechanical stimuli convert into biological signals that influence the functions of our bodies. Specifically, Dr. Patapoutian was awarded the Nobel Prize for his discoveries of how our body feels and processes temperature and touch. His breakthrough research will not only further the understanding of how our bodies work, but it will help create better medications and therapies to treat neuropathic pain, hypertension, blood disorders, and other conditions, improving the lives of residents of California's 49th Congressional District, our country, and the world.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JAMES DONALD "BING" WILDMAN

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of James Donald "Bing" Wildman, 78, who passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. He was born August 8, 1943, in Sherman, MS to Fred Leo Wildman and Jamie Lee Davis Wildman. His name was synonymous with law enforcement in and around New Albany and Union County. He retired from New Albany Police Department, and even after retirement had helped the area departments when needed. Over the years, he had served as Assistant Chief of Police, Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Department, and as a constable. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and playing dominos.

He was a member and deacon of Blue Springs Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 8, 2022, at United Funeral Service with Bro. Gary Yates

and Bro. Jeff Watts officiating. Burial was at Glenfield Memorial Park. United Funeral Service was honored to be entrusted with these arrangements. He is survived by his wife, Pat Seger Wildman, and his daughter, Robin Wildman, both of Blue Springs; two brothers, Danny Wildman (Shelia) of Moss Point, MS, and Fred Wildman of Pantego, TX; two granddaughters, Savannah Wildman and Peyton Wildman; and a great-granddaughter, Lailey James Wildman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronald Jeffrey Wildman; and a sister-in-law, Lura Wildman. Pallbearers were Chad Glasson, Clay Keener, Joe McDonald, Jeff Chism, Ricky Rorie. Joe Bryant, Tim Pannell, and Clay Hogue.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF TZEITEL PARAS-CARACCI

#### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of the incomparable Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, who proudly served the City of Duarte as Mayor Pro Tem until her passing on June 25 at the age of 49, after a 3-year battle against lung cancer.

Born August 8, 1972, in Quezon City, Philippines, Ms. Paras-Caracci and her family moved to Duarte in 1985. She graduated from Duarte High School in 1989 and went on to graduate from the Woodbury University in Burbank before returning home to her beloved city.

A trailblazing, dedicated, and caring public servant, Ms. Paras-Caracci was the first Filipino-American to be elected to the Duarte City Council. She served as mayor in 2006, 2011, 2015, and 2019, and was the longest sitting United States Filipino-American municipal elected official in office.

Ms. Paras-Caracci participated in many 32nd District Congressional events, always proud to represent her city. She was a member of the National League of Cities Board of Directors, the League of California Cities Board of Directors, and President of the Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials. She was also a director for the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, a governing board member of Foothill Transit, a board member of the Duarte Community Coordinating Council, and she was also a long-time member of the Duarte Woman's Club. One of her proudest accomplishments was initiating the Mayor's Youth Council to help students become familiar and active with government.

Ms. Paras-Caracci is survived by her parents, Lino and Russel Paras; her husband, K.C. Caracci, stepdaughter, Dr. Blake Caracci, and their son, Jack Russell; and her brothers, Bertrand and John Paul George.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the family, colleagues, friends, and constituents of Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, and I urge all my colleagues to join me in recognizing her life and public service. She will be sorely missed.

HONORING MAYOR PATRICK  
FUREY OF THE CITY OF TOR-  
RANCE

### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Patrick Furey for his outstanding service over the past 40 years to the citizens of Torrance, which is partially in the 43rd Congressional District of California. Last night, the City Council of Torrance honored Patrick Furey upon his retirement after 8 years as Mayor.

Mr. Furey moved from Philadelphia to Los Angeles in 1973 after serving as a policeman in his hometown and as an infantry soldier in the United States Army. Always active in his community, while raising his family, Pat volunteered as a Boy Scout leader for more than 10 years and served as a Little League umpire for more than 1,000 games. He was the President of the Northwest Torrance Homeowners Association and often served as a spokesperson for the coalition of Torrance homeowners associations concerning issues impacting the entire city. Prior to his election to the City Council in 2008, Patrick Furey served Torrance as a civil service commissioner and a member of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics and Integrity.

When California was reapportioned after the 2010 Census and much of Torrance was added to my District, then Councilman Furey and his wife Terry were the first Torrance residents to invite me to their home. We developed a strong friendship and have partnered on many projects together. Trained as a lawyer, Pat retired after a full career as a Principal Deputy County Counsel assigned to the Children's Services Division before being seated as Mayor in 2014. He had also served as a Training and Advice Counsel to the Department of Children & Family Services in Torrance for more than 3 years.

Pat Furey has always been concerned about young people. In addition to raising their own two children and nine grandchildren, Pat and Terry were founding members of the Torrance Education Foundation, and he served as its President for 4 terms. He was a member of every PTA in Torrance and a major supporter of public schools. He chaired the Torrance Unified School District's Personnel Commission and chaired the Community Planning and Design Committee.

Mayor Furey was also a huge advocate for Torrance businesses, from grocery stores to high tech industries. Always responding to community requests, he was a major booster of the Torrance Armed Forces Day activities and spent much time assisting the city's non-profit organizations. He was a hard-working, dedicated and popular mayor, constantly focused on every aspect of his city's operations. The region's residents know they were fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Furey serving in City Hall. Now that Mayor Furey has been termed out of office, he will be continuing his public service by returning to the Torrance Education Foundation.

I am proud to congratulate Pat Furey upon his retirement as Mayor and look forward to working with him on whatever his next endeavors may be.

PAMELA GOODWIN—HOMETOWN  
HERO

### HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pamela Goodwin of Texas Congressional District 24 who has gone above and beyond to ensure women in North Texas and across the country have a better chance at breast cancer survival.

In 2019, Pamela was diagnosed with breast cancer. Displaying her courage and positive mindset, Pamela took this diagnosis and turned it into something truly positive.

After catching her cancer early through a 3D mammogram test, Pamela has made it her mission to ensure all women receive an annual, 3D mammogram so they too can catch this disease early and live to see another day.

In an effort to better raise awareness and money, Pamela hosted the first annual "Kiss Breast Cancer Goodbye" event last year at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee, headlined by the one and only Dolly Parton.

The inaugural event proved to be incredibly successful—raising much needed awareness and \$167,000 to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. I thank Pamela for her inspiring fight to beat cancer and her incredible efforts to help women across the country.

HONORING DR. JULIETA GARCIA

### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Julieta Garcia, who recently was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our Nation's highest civilian honor. Dr. Garcia was the first Mexican American woman to serve as a college president in the United States.

A native of Brownsville, Texas, Dr. Garcia received her Ph.D. in communication and linguistics from The University of Texas at Austin and her M.A. and B.A. in speech and English from the University of Houston. Dr. Garcia has devoted her life's work to bringing equitable education and opportunity to South Texas, leading the way for higher education innovation.

Dr. Garcia served as President of Texas Southmost College (TSC) from 1986 to 1991, where she successfully led a \$13.5 million general obligation bond election, the first in the history of the college. During her tenure at Texas Southmost, she led a successful campaign to raise \$1 million for scholarships in the poorest community in the United States, helping local students gain access to education.

She also spearheaded efforts to establish a program between Texas Southmost College and University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB), allowing students in the region to pursue doctoral degrees. Garcia became the president of this unique partnership from 1991 to 2013. Over the course of her leadership, the institution doubled the number of degree programs offered, doubled the number of full-time fac-

ulty, grew enrollment by two and a half times, and tripled the number of degrees conferred annually.

Dr. Garcia was named the 2009 Time Magazine Top 10 College President, 2014 Forbes Magazine Top 50 World Leader, and holds honorary degrees from the University of Notre Dame, Brown University, Smith College, and Princeton University. She also is the recipient of an ACE Lifetime Achievement Award and has been inducted in the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Julieta Garcia is an incredible leader with an unwavering commitment to accessible education and her legacy will be remembered for generations to come. She has enriched the lives of many South Texas students, and I am proud to recognize her latest achievement today.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LACKAWANNA PUBLIC LIBRARY

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Lackawanna Public Library in Western New York. Located minutes away from Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna City Hall, as well as the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, in many ways, the library serves as the heart of the City of Lackawanna. Attracting Western New York residents of all ages, the library hosts a variety of community activities including movie nights, book clubs, and computer classes.

The Lackawanna Library is rich in local and national history. Built in 1922, the building was one of the last libraries commissioned and funded by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The library stands on what was originally a potter's field, otherwise known as a burial place of unknown people, which the City of Lackawanna acknowledged in 1992 with a monument.

The first floor of the library houses a local history museum containing collections of photographs, maps, and artifacts from the Bethlehem Steel Company which was at one point the second largest producer of iron throughout the United States. The historical significance of the library itself can be seen in the building's architecture and beautiful oak woodwork.

In the library itself, dedicated employees and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that those within the local community can gather and find enjoyment in the versatility of the library. For the past 100 years, staff and friends of the Lackawanna Library have sustained a focus on the enhancement of literacy, community, and historic preservation that benefits the entire community in Western New York.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Lackawanna Public Library here today and I'm pleased I was able to join in the centennial celebration on Sunday, July 10, 2022. The Centennial Celebration Committee planned a celebration for the entire community which included notable local writers, including author of the American Girl Series Connie Porter and Washington Post Columnist Margaret Sullivan, as well as the incomparable library staff to celebrate the distinguished legacy of the Lackawanna Public library.

HONORING THE LIFE OF 2ND LT.  
EUGENE P. SHAUVIN

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Eugene P. Shauvin, who was killed in action on September 17, 1944.

Lt. Shauvin was a resident of Spokane, Washington. He was a brave young man, who selflessly sacrificed his life during World War II to defend freedom and defeat evil. Lt. Shauvin was only 25 years old when his aircraft was shot down en route to the Netherlands. Of the multiple service members aboard the plane, Lt. Shauvin was the only body unable to be identified and accounted for—until now.

At long last, after 78 years of searching, Lt. Shauvin's remains have been recovered, identified, and returned home to his family. On July 23, 2022, he will finally be laid to rest. The repatriation of the lieutenant's remains took many years, but thanks to new technology and the tireless efforts of so many who worked hard to find him, Eugene has finally been brought back to American soil where he belongs. While the lieutenant had a long journey home, I pray his loved ones can find peace and closure after this decades-long search.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing 2nd Lt. Eugene P. Shauvin's extraordinary heroism and honoring his ultimate sacrifice, while also celebrating our commitment to ensuring no American is ever left behind.

REMEMBERING YOLANDA  
COLLAZOS KIZER

**HON. RUBEN GALLEG0**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Yolanda Collazos Kizer. Yolanda was a small businesswoman, community leader, mother, friend, and mentor to many.

Yolanda had a passion and skill for business and together with her husband, Aaron Kizer, founded Casa Unlimited—an airport retail enterprise with stores at Phoenix Sky Harbor and airports across the country. Not just concerned with her own success, Yolanda served as Chairwoman of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce where she mentored other small business owners, students, and Chamber staff. She also spearheaded programs to bring economic development to the West, support rural businesses, and support small businesses development training. As Alumni of Arizona State University, Yolanda and Aaron were founders and supporters of the Los Diablos Alumni Association which provides tuition assistance, mentorship, and professional development to ASU students.

Yolanda believed strongly in the power of women, small business, and the Hispanic

community. Her presence in Phoenix will be greatly missed. I offer my deepest condolences to Aaron, their children, Joya and Nicolas, and everyone who knew and loved Yolanda.

HONORING DR. JOSE L. DOTRES

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today, as a former school board member, to honor and welcome Dr. Jose L. Dotres as the newly appointed Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

Dr. Jose Dotres is a product of the Miami-Dade County Public School System. Dr. Dotres holds a doctorate degree in Leadership and Innovation from St. Thomas University, an educational specialist degree in Teaching English as a Second Language from the University of Miami, a master's degree in Reading from Barry University, and a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Florida International University.

In 1988, he began a long career as an educator of M-DCPS. He has served in the capacity of Teacher, Reading Coach, Principal, District Administrator, Regional Administrative Director, Region Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer of Broward County Public Schools, Chief of Staff, Chief Human Capital Officer, and most recently, Deputy Superintendent of Collier County Public Schools.

On the national level, Dr. Dotres has made significant contributions to organizations such as the Council of the Great City Schools. Additionally, he is the co-author of several educational publications and has presented to the Florida Senate's Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and the Florida House of Representatives' PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee on Education on topics related to teacher recruitment and retention and early literacy interventions. In 2013, he was inducted into the Miami Dade College Alumni Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Dotres as he returns to Miami to lead the fourth-largest school district in the nation with over 40,000 employees and 330,000 students.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RENT  
RELIEF ACT

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the Rent Relief Act to create an innovative tax credit to help millions of struggling renters. Thomas Jefferson once said: "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government." Unfortunately, 213 years later, I still witness thousands of people in Chicago struggling to pay rent. I see people pushed into the streets because they simply could not afford their housing. During the pandemic we saw clearly that

the tax code can help provide direct financial assistance to struggling Americans to alleviate poverty and improve quality of life. The Rent Relief Act is an example of good government policy that cares for human life.

It is unacceptable that 36 percent of children in Chicago, and 30 percent of children nationwide, wonder if today may be the last day they have a roof over their heads. It is unthinkable that nearly 45 percent of Hispanic and Black children experienced housing insecurity in the midst of a pandemic. Safe housing is at the foundation of social, emotional, and economic well-being, and Congress must do more to meet the profound need of millions of Americans for stable housing.

This is why I am proud to join with Representatives JIMMY GOMEZ, SCOTT PETERS, and JIMMY PANETTA to champion the Rent Relief Act. The bill would create a fully-refundable tax credit that would cover a share of the difference between 30 percent of one's adjusted gross income and the actual cost of rent and utilities, capping the benefit at 100 percent of Small Area Fair Market Rent. Importantly, the bill targets the families in greatest need by limiting the credit to those earning less than \$100,000. If you earn less than \$25,000, the credit would cover the entire income-to-rent gap, with the credit phasing out as one's income increases.

Direct grant assistance, affordable housing, eviction moratoriums, and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit are essential federal tools to increasing housing stability. Unfortunately, only 1 in 4 eligible households receives any help, and some households spend years on waitlists due to inadequate funding. A renter's credit could help every eligible taxpayer afford housing and improve their quality of life, working in concert with other federal programs to help end America's housing crisis.

By enacting the Rent Relief Act, families will not fall into the spiral of missed payment after missed payment because it wasn't their turn on a waiting list. They will be able to get rental help when they need it to pay the bills when they need to.

As a government, it is our duty to care for human life and that begins with making sure that Americans enjoy housing stability so they can live without the fear of eviction or making the horrible choice between a roof over their heads or medicine and food for their children.

RECOGNIZING THE LIBERTY HIGH  
SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS FOR  
WINNING THE 2022 TEXAS UIL  
DIVISION 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Liberty High School Lady Panthers for winning the 2022 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) Division 4A State Championship. This is the Lady Panther's second consecutive state title and third in the last five years.

During their victorious season, the Lady Panthers had a record of 38 wins and six losses before defeating the Sweeny Bulldogs in the State Championship Game on June 5, 2022.



Six Lady Panthers were named to the State UIL Softball 4A All-Tournament Team: Kylie Bishop, Kamdyn Chandler, Reese Evans, Hollie Thomas, Bryana Pantalion, and Bailee Slack. Senior third baseman, Kylie Bishop, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. In a pre-game ceremony before Liberty's state title game, Head Coach, Karen Slack, received recognition as the 2020–2021 National Federation of State High School Coaches' Texas State Softball Coach of the Year.

I would like to acknowledge everyone that contributed to the team's winning season: players, Reagan Williamson, Kendall Daniel, Ashlyn Cordova, Brookelyn Taylor, Marina Bourgeois, Abby Vickers, Alex Wiley, Bryana Pantalion, Bailee Slack, Kamdyn Chandler, Maci Beam, Hollie Thomas, Alexis West-Tadlock, Reese Evans, and Kylie Bishop; managers, Jocelyn Shimp, Hallie Etheridge, and Laci Kirkland; Athletic Trainer, Michael Pope; Head Coach and Liberty High School Principal, Karen Slack; Assistant Coaches, Joe Slack and Katherine McAdams; Liberty Independent School District (ISD) Athletic Director, Chris Lackey; and Liberty ISD Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Cody Abshier.

Congratulations again to the Lady Panthers on their season of triumph.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### JULY 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services  
To receive a closed briefing on Ukraine.  
SVC-217

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine fairness in financial services, focusing on racism and discrimination in banking.  
SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine federal regulatory authorities governing the development of interstate hydrogen pipelines, storage, import, and export facilities.  
SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine addressing weapons of mass destruction and health security threats to the homeland.  
SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine KleptoCapture, focusing on aiding Ukraine through forfeiture of Russian oligarchs' illicit assets.  
SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development  
To hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges in addressing homelessness.  
SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 4428, to support the security of Taiwan and its right of self-determination, S. 4466, to amend the Peace Corps Act by reauthorizing the Peace Corps, providing better support for current, returning, and former volunteers, S. 3052, to promote free and fair elections, democracy, political freedoms, and human rights in Cambodia, S. 3317, to strengthen United States national security through the defense of democracy abroad and to address contemporary threats to democracy around the world, S. 552, to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global basic education programs, S. 4320, to enhance security at United States diplomatic facilities, S. 4216, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, S. 3589, to require a United States security strategy for the Western Hemisphere, H.R. 4693, to advance targeted and evidence-based interventions for the prevention and treatment of global malnutrition and to improve the coordination of such programs, H.R. 1036, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards under the Department of State's rewards program relating to information regarding individuals or entities engaged in activities in contravention of United States or United Nations sanctions, H.R. 6899, to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from engaging in transactions involving the exchange of Special Drawing Rights issued by the International Monetary Fund that are held by the Russian Federation or Belarus, protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden (Treaty Doc. 117-03), the nominations of David Pressman, of New York, to be Ambassador to Hungary, Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Resources), Robert A. Wood, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, and Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, all of the Department of

State, and other pending calendar business.  
S-116

3 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine S. 443, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities.  
SR-301

##### JULY 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine food safety and the Food and Drug Administration.  
SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Arati Prabhakar, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.  
SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the role of tax incentives in affordable housing.  
SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Highland Park attack, focusing on protecting our communities from mass shootings.  
SH-216

11 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 4104, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, S. 4439, to take certain Federal land located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, and H.R. 5221, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to establish an urban Indian organization confer policy for the Department of Health and Human Services.  
SD-628

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the economic toll of gun violence, focusing on how our nation bears the costs.  
LHOB-1300

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the status of VA's electronic health record modernization program.  
SR-418

##### JULY 21

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.  
SD-342